

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS: The Friends of Old-time Radio had its annual convention on Nov 11 and 12 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Many celebrities were present, Those receiving awards were: Joan Bishop Barber, Nancy Coleman, Patrick Conlon, Helen Coule, Cliff Carpenter, Ruth Duskin Feldman, Bob Guilbert, Pat Hosley, John Nanovic, Parley Baer, Ernest Ricca, Ken Roberts, Margot Stevenson, Gertrude Warner, Karl Weber, Miriam Wolfe, Not present to receive them were: Ed Herlihy, Bill Johnstone, Frank Nastasi, Frank Nelson, Leo Rosenberg, Peter Thomas, Veola Vonn, Alice Yourman. Other guests present were: Lee Allman, Arthur Anderson, George Ansbro, Don Buka, Jackson Beck, Ward Byron, Fran Carlon, Gwen Davies, Nancy Douglass, Margaret Draper, Walter Gibson, Don Hughes, Evie Juster, Ann Loring, Bill Lipton, Ted Malone, Arnold Moss, Audrey Marsh, Dick Osgood, Bill Owen, Patricia Peardon, Larry Robinson, Terry Ross, Stella Reynolds, Rosa Rio, Sidney Slon, Arthur Tracy, Sybil Trent, Jane Ward, Florence Williams, Dwight Weist. They were all present throughout the afternoon and evening. They socialized with the people and presented 2 radio shows.

The Convention started on Friday at 12:00 noon when the dealers tables opened. There were 45 tables Fri & Sat...141 people attended the dinner with another 32 in the afternoon. After cocktails & dinner, Ruth Duskin Feldman, Joan Bishop Barber & Patrick Conlon discussed the Quiz Kids & Ruth's book. Jay Hickerson then entertained with musical and entertainment trivia. Video tapes were shown from 12-6, including a special tape sent in by Frank Brasee.

On Saturday, the Convention started at 9:00 with dealers & workshops. Some dealers were Ed Carr, Don Aston, Terry Salomonson, Joe Webb, Stu Weiss, Gary Dudash, Bob Burnham, Bob Burchette, Fran Striker, Jr., John Furman, Gary Kramer, Ron Barnett, Anthony Tollin, Richard Gesner, Lee Munsick. Most of the clubs were represented and collectors from 21 states, D.C. & Canada attended.

All workshops were presented, including Edgar Bergen's career (Gary Yoggy); care of ET's (Bill Jaker); Logs (Ray Stanich); Lone Ranger (Fran Striker, Jr., Dick Osgood, Lee Allman); OTR Workshop (Brad Gromelski); Career of Mercedes McCambridge (Ron Lachman); 1-1/2 hours with Parley Baer; Radio's Flops (Dave Reznick); OTR rebroadcasting (many collectors who host shows); Magic with Walter Gibson; Shadow Panel (Anthony Tollin). Arthur Anderson directed a recreation of LET'S PRETEND "The Brave Little Tailor" with many of the original cast.

Cocktails & dinner followed; there were 265 people for dinner, with another 137 in the afternoon including Joe Franklin. Miss Karen Nater entertained with a medley of songs saluting Judy Garland, Al Jolson, Fanny Brice & Kate Smith...Arthur Tracy again entertained us with a variety of songs. Rosa Rio played a Broadway medley on a rented organ and then did "Between the Bookends" with Ted Malone. Anthony Tollin directed many past Shadow personalities in a recreation of THE SHADOW "Murder by the Dead". Also participating were A. Anderson, J. Beck, A. Moss, D. Osgood, P. Baer, K. Roberts, S. Slon, M. Stevenson, G. Warner, K. Weber... Rosa Rio supplied the music...Terry Ross and son supplied the sound effects.

The Allen Rockford Award was given to Ray Stanich for his untiring work, especially in printing logs. Arthur Anderson received a special award for his directing & interest in LET's PRETEND. Frank Striker, Jr. received one in memory of his father. The guests then received their awards. Because of illness, Veola Vonn & Frank Nelson were unable to attend. Parley & Ernestine Baer graciously agreed to come at the last minute. They and the other guests were very gracious in granting interviews and mingling with those present. I want to thank them again for giving their time to be with us.

The Committee did a wonderful job. Many thanks to my co-chairmen, Joe Webb and Stu Weiss, and the rest of the committee. Joe Webb did an exceptional job coordinating the program and the taping, making hundreds of phone calls, and much else. Stu Weiss did an exceptional job with publicity. We were covered before or during by AP, WOR, WCBS, WNEW, Channel 5, Newark Star Ledger, Channel 13, Joe Franklin Show. Anthony Tollin's interest in THE SHADOW definitely showed by the performance and special equipment. Thanks again for making our Convention a success.

Also, many thanks to the following for assistance in many areas: Ken Piletic, Ron Barnett, Dave Davies, Barbara Davies, Brad Gromelski, Bill Jaker, Andy Blatt, Gary Kramer, Ron Lachman, Karen Hickerson, Walt Mitchell, Dave Reznick, Dave Siegel, Terry Salomonson, Ray Stanich, Fran Striker, Jr., Mary Lou Wallace, Annie Webb, Gary Yoggy.

Audio tapes may be obtained from Joe Webb, Box 268, Glen Cove, NY 11542... Video tapes may be obtained from Ken Piletic, 7059 Oltendorf Road, Streamwood, Ill. 60103... Pictures may be obtained from Stu Weiss, 33 Von Braun Ave., Staten Island, NY 10312. Details on the above forthcoming.

Next year's convention is Oct 19, 20, 1984, Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Tentative workshops so far are Radio Bloopers #2 (Mary Lou Wallace & Walt Mitchell); Gunsmoke (Don Aston); Escape (Terry Salomonson); Band remotes (Beldon Menkus); Radio shows & TV counterparts (Andy Blatt).

LOGS - A PERSONAL NOTE: Just off the press is a JACK BENNY LOG, 1932-1955. Sketchy from 1932-1934; almost complete from 1935 on. It is the first log I have prepared in many years. This one is printed--not mimeographed. Cost is \$6.00. Also available by Jan 1st will be a GUNSMOKE Log with official titles and brief descriptions (\$6.00).

IN FOND MEMORY: Tino Rossi, Sep 27, 76; well-known Italian-French singer, selling over 200 million records over a 50-year span... Joan Hackett, Oct 8, 49; actress... Pat O'Brien, Oct 15, 83; well-known actor... David Panich, Sept 30, 59; TV writer... Scott Edwards, Sept 9, 58; director-actor-writer... Edwin Wolfe, Sept. 22, 90; film, radio, TV actor-director-producer (Ma Perkins)... Robert Liggett, Sr.; Oct; char. actor for WXYZ radio programs... George Liberace, Oct. 16, 71; orchestra leader, brother of Lee Liberace... Merle Travis, Oct. 20, 65; singer-composer (16 Tons)... Paul Fix, Oct 14, 82; actor (The Rifleman)... Jessica Savitch, Oct 24, 35; NBC correspondent & anchor... Verlye Brilhart, Oct 2, 71; harpist (radio-Phil Spitalny, Your Hit Parade)... William David Elliott, Sept 30, 49; actor (Adam-12)... Leroy Busch, Sept 16, 74; band & radio singer... Madeleine Pierce, Oct 8, 82; radio actress (Our Gal Sunday, Portia Faces Life)... Bill Griskey, Oct 8, 67; TV announcer... Stuart Jerome, Oct 23, 65; radio & TV writer (Lux)... Kirk McGee, Oct 24, 83; star of Grand Ole Opry... Otto Messmer, Oct 28, 91; creator of Felix the Cat... Alfredo Antonini, Nov 3, 82; conductor... Maxwell Shane, Oct 25, 78; writer-producer-director (radio-Jack Benny)... Tamara Shayne, Oct 23, 80; char. actress... Tommy Allan, Oct 30, 67; trombonist... Herman Schlom, Nov 2, 79; film producer... Junior Samples, Nov 13, 56; comedian on Hee Haw... Michael Conrad, Nov 22, 58; well-known actor (Hill St. Blues).

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: ILLUSTRATED PRESS, October; article on recording tape... MEMORIES (Buffalo Club) dedicated to Tom Mix... RADIO TEXT, November; article on Witch's Tale. This is 1st monthly newsletter of Old-Time Radio Club of New York (John Barber, 77-02 34th Ave., #B62, Jackson Hts, NY 11372; \$10 yr.)... OLD-TIME RADIO DIGEST (Bob Burchette & George Wagner) 4114 Montgomery Rd., Cinc., Oh 45212; first issue (Jan-Feb 1984) bi-monthly, \$12.50 yr; accepts ads; many pictures of 1982 Convention; articles on various topics... GOLDEN YEARS OF RADIO & TV, winter; articles on Jimmie Grier, Hans Conreid, Humphrey Bogart, Francis Langford, Andy Griffith; Radio Cliffhangers, Bands theme songs... ILLUSTRATED PRESS, Nov; article on Avengers, radio & TV... NARA NEWS, Fall; articles on daytime radio serials.

BOOKS: BOB & RAY SHOW, by Bob & Ray; Atheneum; 1983, \$14. More scripts & sketches. Excellent... CHILDREN'S TELEVISION, by George Woolery; Scarecrow Press, 1983, \$27.50. Excellent reference book on televised animated film series from 1946-81. Many indices; very well arranged (404 pages).



IF BOX IS CHECKED, \$6 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR

CONVENTIONS: SPERDVAC is planning a 10th anniversary Convention in California in November 1984. Details will follow when they arrive. Tentative weekend is Nov. 10-12th.

NEW ADDRESSES: Leonard Eskenasy, 3048 Brighton 13th St., Brooklyn, NY 11235... Donald Moore, 8448 Oak St., Fairchild AFB, Wash. 99011... Frank Boncore, 38-15th St., Buffalo, NY 14214... Bill Bales, 440 Palace St., Aurora, Ill. 60506

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: Philip Lieberman, 8 So. Hazel St., Tunkhanock, Pa. 18657; specialty is old-fashioned morning men such as Bob Steele on WTIC, Hartford, (Lots of talk, corny, in good taste, some nostalgic music, gimmicky). Looking for tapes of these local personalities plus other types of memorabilia. Also has tapes of famous broadcasters including 1955 anniversary of John B. Gambling on WOR. Also looking for a short-lived magazine that came out ten years ago---like a radio version of TV Guide... Rand Lee, 3 Higgs Ln, Key West, Fla 33040. Looking for all information possible about his mother, radio actress Kay Brinker... Paul McGaffil, 6104 Brahma NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120... Durell Roth, 1740 Sunset Blvd., Houston, Tex 77005... John Wallace, 3724 Souchak Dr., Hope Mills, NC 28348... Phil Callan, 78 Windsor Ave., Meriden, Ct. 06450... James Tibbatts, 457 Bagley Pl., Cliffside Pk, NJ 07010... Rudy Schwartz (Burlington Audio Tapes), 106 Mott St., Oceanside, NY 11572... Bill Hornung, Box 18, Red Creek, NY 13143... Gerald Arthur, 1600 Pelican Ave., Naples, Fla. 33962... Angelo Prospero, 32 Palamino Dr., Rochester, NY 14623; wants Ben Bernie, old detective shows, & J. Benny... David Decker, 50 W. 5th St., Oswego, NY 13126; wants FM & M, Life of Riley, S. Spade, Our Miss Brooks, others... Don von Handel, 177 Washington Ave., Matawan, NJ 07747... David Pollack, 1731 Franklin Canyon Dr., Bev. Hills, Cal. 90210; interested in World Series & All-Star games of late 40's & 50's. Also Bob & Ray Shows of mid-50's on Mutual.

OLD FRIENDS: Larry Gassman, Box 1163, Whittier, Cal. 90604. Has 7000 shows; wants early serials of the 30's (Fu Manchu, etc.) and news & documentaries of 30's & 40's

SEVERAL PROJECTS FOLLOW:

OTR BROADCASTS: What follows is a revised list of OTR programs with a host - not syndicated rebroadcasts. If you are not listed or know of someone who isn't, please let me know.

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| WBAI-FM | 99.5 | NYC-Jack Shugg and Max Schmid - Sat 8:30-9:30 a.m. - daily 7:00-7:15 am - variety |
| KNUS-AM | 710 | Denver - John Dunning - Sat 4-6 pm - Sun 11:00 am - 12:00 pm variety of shows |
| WTPP-AM | 1060 | Boston - Tom Heathwood - Mon-Fri 6-7 pm - Sat & Sun 5-7 pm variety |
| WJUL-FM | 91.5 | Lowell, MA. - Wayne Braverman - Sun 3-6 pm - variety Richard Gesner is monthly guest |
| WCAU-AM | 1210 | Phila. - Jim McCormick - daily 8:30-10 pm - variety |
| WAMU-FM | 88.5 | Wash DC - John Hickman - Sat & Sun evenings - variety - over 15 years (Who has hosted a show the longest? Let me know) |
| WCLI-AM | 1450 | Corning, NY - Gary Yoggy - Sun 6-7 pm - variety - 3-1/2 years |
| WKOL-AM | 1570 | Amsterdam, NY - Victor Ives - Mon-Fri 6-7 pm - variety |
| KWEB-AM | 1270 | Rochester, MN - Frank West - Sun 10-12 mid - variety |
| CKNW-AM | | Vancouver - Jack Cullen - Mon-Sat 11-11:30 pm - variety |
| CFMA-FM | | John Oliver - Thur-Sun 11-11:30 pm - variety |
| KSJN-AM | 1330 | Rochester, MN - Sunday 6:00 pm - comedies |
| WYMS-FM | 89.5 | Milwaukee, WI - Jed Dolnick - Sun 8-9 am - variety - 9 years |

KSFO-AM San Francisco, Cal - Gerry Gordon - weekdays 8-11:30
 KSLH-FM 91.5 St. Louis, Mo. - Terry Salomonson - Sat. aft. 3:30-5:00...
 rebroadcast Sun 7-8:30 - variety
 WCFL-AM 1000 Chicago, Ill. - Chuck Shaden, Mon-Fri. 9-11:00 p.m. - Variety
 WNIB-FM 97 Chicago, Ill. - Chuck Shaden, Sat. 1-5 pm - Variety
 WJKL-FM 94.3 Elgin, Ill. - George Barker, Mon-Fri. 10-11 pm - Variety
 WDCB-FM 90.0 Urbana, Ill. - The College of DuPage, Tuesday 11:30-12:00 p.m. -
 Variety
 WXFM-FM 105.9 Elmwood Park, Ill. - Wayne Messmer - Sunday 2-4:00 pm - Variety
 WUFT-FM 89 Gainesville, Fla. - Bill Sabis - Sunday 9-11 pm - Variety
 KDCC-FM 89.9 Pasadena, Cal. - Larry & John Gassman - Monday 10-midnite
 KCSN-FM 88.5 Northridge, Cal. - Bob Lynes & Barbara Watkins - Sun. 12-3 pm
 KCSN-FM 88.5 Northridge, Cal. - Harvy Tow - Thursday - 8-10 pm
 KCRW-FM 89.9 Santa Monica, Cal., - Bob Lynes - Sun 7-10 pm
 WRCQ-AM 910 Hartford, Ct. - Phil Callan - Mon-Sat. 12-5 a.m. - All night
 Nostalgia Party
 WADK-AM Newport, R.I. - Sundays - 8:30-10 a.m. - mostly comedy - some lite drama
 WRIU-FM Univ. of R.I., Kingston - Wednesdays 10-11 pm - "Doorway to
 Mystery" - mysteries, sci-fi, horror classics, etc.
 WMYD-AM North Kingstown, R.I. - Mond-Fri 7:45 am (5 min.) - "Sounds of
 History" - History-making news voices of the past

(The last three, developed by Fred Nicholas)

BLANK TAPES: Last issue I asked for names of dealers of blank tape. These are the only 5 that responded. If you know of others, please let me know. These 5 people sell some or all of the following: blank audio tape (reel & cassette), video tapes, boxes and accessories. Write to them for price lists. Brand of audio tape, if known, is mentioned.

1. Ron Barnett (Audio tapes), Box 9584, Alexandria, VA. 22304...gov't surplus - mostly Ampex; Memorex, Capitol, New Ampex.
2. Ron Baron, 2475 W. 16th St., Brooklyn, NY 11214...gov't surplus Ampex, TDK.
3. Rudy Schwartz (Burlington Audio Tapes), 106 Mott St., Oceanside, NY 11572... Agfa Audio tapes - reels & cassettes, many accessories.
4. Gary Kramer, Box 39253, Redford, Mich. 48239...Cassette duplicators less than \$400, higher-priced blank reels & cassettes.
5. Bob Burchette and George Wagner (Royal Audio Visual), 4114 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45212...Agfa & Capital cassettes; Ampex reels

LATE NEWS - New Friends: George Edgar, 321 So. 68th Ave., Omaha, Neb. 68132; wants J. Benny & OMF...Russ Couey, Box 6370, Fullerton, Cal. 92634; wants J. Armstrong, Tailspin Tommy, ILAM...LTC Gary Keefer, 107 King Dr., NAS, Corpus Christi, Tx 78419...CORRECTIONS: The Old-Time Radio Club of New York (Publ. & Org. Page) is The Vintage Broadcasting Society...IN FOND MEMORY: Carlyn Leigh, Nov. 19, 57; songwriter (Hey Look Me Over, Best is Yet to Come)...Richard Loo, Nov. 20, 80; actor.

Karen, her two children, Evan & Elisa, Robin, Craig & I wish you all a happy holiday!

JAY HICKERSON, Box C, Orange, Ct. 06477 (203) 248-2887; (203) 795-6261 \$6.00/yr.

PUBLICATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

OLD-TIME RADIO PROGRAMS:

HELLO AGAIN (Jay Hickerson) Box C, Orange, Ct. 06477, bi-monthly, \$6 yr.
NARA NEWS (Steve Ham) 4418 Irvington, Fremont, Cal. 94538; quarterly;
\$14 yr; journal of NORTH AMERICAN RADIO ARCHIVES
GOLDEN YEARS OF RADIO & TV (Linda & Ron Downey), Rt. 3, Box 263-H,
Waynesville, N.C. 28786; quarterly; \$10 yr.
OLD-TIME RADIO DIGEST (Bob Burchette & George Wagner) 4114 Montgomery
Rd., Cin., Ohio 45212, bi-monthly, \$12.50 yr.

OLD RADIOS AND PHONOGRAPHS:

OLD TIMERS BULLETIN (Bruce Kelley) Main St., Holcomb, NY 14469; quarterly;
\$5.00 yr; journal of ANTIQUE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION
HORN SPEAKER (Jim Cranshaw) 9820 Silver Meadow Rd., Dallas, Tex 75217;
monthly; \$4.50 yr.
REPRODUCER (George Potter) Box 19406, Dallas, Tx 75219; journal for
Southwest Vintage Radio and Phonograph Soc.

NOSTALGIA:

WORLD OF YESTERDAY (Linda & Ron Downey) Rt 3, Box 263-H, Waynesville, NC
28786; 6 times a year; \$12 yr.

RECORDS:

KASTLEMUSICK BULLETIN (Robert Hill) 901 Washington St., Wilmington, Del.
19801; monthly; \$18 yr.

MISCELLANEOUS:

NOSTALGIA BOOK CLUB, Box 10654, Des Moines, Ia 50336; monthly offering of
nostalgic books.
RERUNS (Richard Thorp) Box 4537, Clearlake, Cal. 95422; bi-monthly;
\$12.00 yr. (TV history & nostalgia)

CLUBS: (Many have newsletters)

INDIANA RECORDING CLUB (William Davis) 1729 E 77th, Ind., Ind. 46240
(Tape Squeal)
MILWAUKEE AREA RADIO ENTHUSIASTS (Ken Pabst) 4442 N. 77th St., Milwaukee,
Wis. 53218
NORTH AMERICAN RADIO ARCHIVES (NARA). See NARA NEWS above
OLD TIME RADIO CLUB OF BUFFALO, 100 Harvey Dr., Lancaster, NY 14086
(Illustrated Press, Memories), \$15 yr.
RADIO HISTORICAL ASSOC. OF COLORADO (John Lloyd) 2667 E. 99th Ave.,
Thornton, Col. 80229 (Return With Us Now) \$15 yr.
SOCIETY TO PRESERVE AND ENCOHRAGE RADIO DRAMA, VARIETY & COMEDY (SPERDVAC)
Box 1587, Hollywood, Cal. 90028; Los Angeles area, \$15 yr.
SOUTHERN TIER OLD-TIME RADIO CLUB (Jerry Reed), Box 74A, Endwell, NY 13760
NATIONAL BROADCAST MUSEUM (William Bragg) 1701 N. Market St., Dallas, Tx.
75202
OLD-TIME RADIO CLUB OF NEW YORK (John Barber), 77-02 34th Ave., #B62,
Jackson Hts., NY 11372; \$10 yr. (Radio text).

DEALERS

Here is a list of 19 OTR dealers that have been recommended by my readers. When ordering from anyone for the first time, order a small quantity so you can make a decision as to their standards.

1. Audio Classics (Terry Salomonson) Box 1135, St. Charles, Mo. 63302
2. Mar Bran (Howard Brenner), Box 4099, Rochester, NY 14610
3. McCoys Recordings (Pat McCoy) Box 1069, Richland, Wa. 99352
4. Golden Age of Radio (Rex Bills) Box 25215, Portland, Ore. 97225.
5. AM Treasures (Gary Dudash) Box 192, Babylon, NY 11702.
6. John Furman, Box 132, Ballston Lk, NY 12019
7. Nostalgia Co. (Larry Kiner) Box 82, Redmond, Wa. 98052
8. Nostalgia Warehouse (Joe Webb), Box 268, Glen Cove, NY 11542.
9. BRC-OTR Distributors (Bob Burnham) 17173 Westbrook, Lavinia, Mich. 48152
10. Audio Antiques (Larry Rao), 1213 E 88th St., Brooklyn, NY 11236
11. Stu Weiss, 33 von Braun Ave., Staten Island, NY 10312.
12. Echoes of the Past (Ron Barnett), Box 9593, Alexandria, Va. 22304.
13. Aston's Adv. (Don Aston) 1301 No. Park Ave., Inglewood, Cal. 90302.
14. Vintage Broadcasts (Andy Blatt), 803 Second St., Marietta, Oh 45750
15. Blalocks Sound Library (Bill Blalock), 1614 Davison, Richland, Wa 99352.
16. Radio Vault (Sonja Massel), Box 9032, Wyoming, Mich. 49509.
17. Dick Ayers, 316 Main St., Plaistown, NH 03865
18. Tom Price, Box 1661, Salinas, Cal. 93902.
19. Sound Vault (Pat Murray), Box 593, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197.